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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
11 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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13 In the Matter of) Case No. 04-60321-B-7
14) DC No. JLW-1
15 CALIFORNIA OLIVE GROWERS,)
16) APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF
17 Debtor.) GENERAL COUNSEL FOR CHAPTER 7
18) TRUSTEE
19)
20) [No hearing required]
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22 TO THE HON. W. RICHARD LEE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

23 The application of James E. Salven, Chapter 7 Trustee, Applicant herein, states:

24 1. The Debtor's petition for relief under 11 U.S.C. Chapter 7 was filed on
December 13, 2004.

2. Applicant is the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Chapter 7 Trustee herein.

3. Applicant requires general counsel to represent him in this proceeding,
specifically for the purpose of investigating possible avoidable preferences, and recovering the
same for the estate.

1 4. To fulfill the purpose described above, Applicant desires the assistance of
2 general counsel, especially counsel with a civil litigation background. Applicant will not use
3 general counsel to perform any services which Applicant, as Trustee, is legally required to perform
4 himself.

5 5. Jeffrey Wall is a member of the State Bar of California with 32 years of
6 experience in civil litigation, and extensive service as counsel for Chapter 7 Trustees on numerous
7 occasions. Applicant desires to hire Jeffrey Wall as general counsel in this case and believes that
8 he possesses the requisite skill, experience, and integrity to represent Applicant competently.

9 6. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, Jeffrey Wall does not represent any
10 interest which is adverse to that of Applicant, the Debtor, or the Bankruptcy Estate. To the best of
11 Applicant's knowledge, there are no connections between Jeffrey Wall and the Debtor, Creditors,
12 or any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee
13 or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee.

14 7. Submitted contemporaneously herewith is the declaration of Jeffrey Wall which
15 states that there are no connections between the proposed counsel and me, or the creditors, or other
16 parties in interest, or the U. S. Trustee and his employees which are known to Mr. Wall, and
17 further states he will perform legal services for me on an hourly basis and will charge his time at
18 the rate of \$200.00 per hour.

19 Wherefore, Applicant prays for an order of this Court authorizing the employment
20 of Jeffrey Wall as general counsel for applicant on the terms set out above and for the performance
21 of the services set out above.

22 Dated: November 17, 2005 /s/James E. Salven, Chapter 7 Trustee
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